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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE  
HOMOGENEITY OF THE TEMPERATURE  
OF PRODUCTS IN A METALLURGICAL  
REHEATING FURNACE, AND  
REHEATING FURNACE

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

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